TIPS FROM TEENS

Orange County teens offered these tips to fight boredom and to stay social while remaining physically apart during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Be outside.
- Do chalk art on sidewalks or driveways.
- Exercise.
- Learn to cook or grill.
- Try new recipes.
- Listen to music.
- Write stories or journal random thoughts.
- Tinker with computer programming.

- Practice skills you'll need later in life.
- Explore your faith.
- Make friendship bracelets.
- Make something with modeling clay.
- Paint.
- Sew.
- Get a new pet.
- Garden. Some teens helped put up a fence for a MASSIVE family garden.
- Start something you never had time to do before.
- Learn a language. One teen has started learning Japanese.
- Research something you want to learn more about. One teen is learning about super families of snakes and compiling facts into a notebook for future use. Her dream job? To work in a venom lab.
- Find someone in your contacts you haven't talked to in a while and reconnect.
- Dye your hair or a household member's hair.
- Make envelopes and cards and mail letters to friends.
- Make a video. One teen filmed herself doing 50 pushups.
- Help complete a family project. One teen is helping paint his family's fence.
- Play card or board games with family. One teen said her family tries to do this at night so they aren't sitting separately on electronics.
- Binge watch TV shows or watch videos on TikTok and YouTube.
- Use an app like Airtime to watch videos, shows and movies with friends.

Want to share additional tips?

Contact the Hillsborough Public Information Office online
or share social distancing ideas on Engage Hillsborough,
an online engagement platform the Town of Hillsborough is testing.